

REMARKS

Applicants continue to traverse the restriction/election requirement and note that it is agreed that claim 1 constitutes a generic claim at least as to the Group 1 product claims 1-9. Applicant herein cancels method claims 10 - 17 to thereby eliminates the restriction requirement issue for appeal and to place this case in proper form for allowance.

Claims 1 and 3-6 are newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Hunn in view of Joiner. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

As set forth in Applicant's prior Reply, independent claim 1 requires the rigidity of the product being displayed to maintain the spacing between upper and lower hinge members. In Hunn, the products being displayed are carpet samples 22 on a frame card 16. The product samples do not maintain hinge members spaced apart. The items 32 and 34, which the Examiner cites as hinge members, are in fact spacers and have nothing to do with the hinging of the display panel.

In response to this argument, the Advisory Action relies upon the Joiner reference to supply these features. However, Joiner also does not disclose the claimed hinge members. Item 20 of Joiner is a clamp which is configured to slide into slots defined by guide rails 24; element 20 is not a hinge member.

The rejection states that Joiner has "a pin (55) dimensioned to receive in a pin receptacle of a wing type display (58)". The pin element 55 of joiner is part of a

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clamp actuation assembly which includes a lever 58 as clearly shown in Joiner Figures 2, 4 and 6. Neither Hunn or Joiner disclose or suggest hinges having hinge pins for a wing type display. Joiner adds nothing to Hunn that would render the claimed invention obvious over the combination of references. Accordingly, the new rejection should be withdrawn.

The claims rely upon the rigidity of a product sample to maintain the spacing between the upper and lower hinge members so that the respective upper and lower pins can be mated with the display rack for which it is intended. This concept is not disclosed or suggested in any of the references.

Reconsideration, entry of this amendment and allowance are respectfully requested.

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